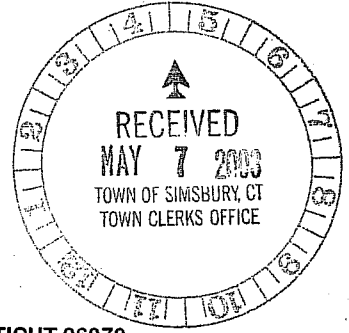


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Aging and Disability Commission

AGING AND DISABILITY COMMISSION

April 15, 2003

MINUTES

Chairperson Peg Bergethon, in the Blue Room at Eno Memorial Hall, 754 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, Connecticut, called the meeting to order at 7:05PM.

Present: Peg Bergethon, Ricki Bergquist (staff consultant) Grace Comeau, Kathy Fallon, Gloria Knierim, Ed LaMontagne, Charlotte Steptoe, Eileen Umpleby, Moira Wertheimer and Lynn Veith.

Not Present: Maryann Alimi, Norris Christensen, John Romano (Bd. Of Selectmen liaison), and Gwenne Simpson (excused).

Public Audience: None

Guest Speaker: Tom Thompson, Executive Director at FAVARH discussed FAVARH's growth and expansion since its inception in 1958. Specifically, he emphasized the quality of services and supports provided to over 300 individuals who have mental retardation and other similar disabilities and their extended families. Mr. Thompson defined FAVARH as an association of people who assist people with mental retardation to be successfully included in society as tax paying citizens, members of the work force, voters and active participants in the community. Some of the services FAVARH provides include Special Olympics; employment services senior services; community experience program and business in the community; residential services and respite services.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minutes of the March 18, 2003 were amended to reflect that Gwenne Simpson was excused from the March 18th meeting. Upon motion made by Charlotte Steptoe and seconded by

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Gloria Knierim, the minutes of the March 18, 2003 meeting were accepted as amended.

Reports - Subcommittees/Projects

Disability Subcommittee: Ed informed the commission that seventy-five Ability Awareness Award nomination forms were sent out to parents, town officials, churches, schools, and civic groups. So far, two have been returned. Ed, Moira Peg and Lynn will meet at 6:45 p.m. on May 20th to review all returned applications.

In addition, Ed distributed the January 2003 Commissioner's Report on DMR issues. Ed also distributed a public service announcement put out by American Network of Community Options and Resources (ANCOR) that warned the quality of life of Americans with disabilities is at risk due to a work shortage of private direct support professionals.

Legislative Subcommittees: Lynn Veith will present pertinent federal and state aging issues at future commission meetings. Moira Wertheimer will present pertinent federal and state disability issues at future commission meetings.

Housing Issues: None.

Souper Tuesday Luncheons: Peg reported that Gwenne would continue supervising the Souper Tuesday luncheons. In addition, the Fashion Show will occur on the 4th Tuesday in October. The November/December 2003 Souper Tuesday will be held on December 2, 2003.

Ways and Means: No report.

Senior Center: Ricki reported that a new intergeneration program involving girl scouts from Central School, Imperial Gardens and Senior Center participants would landscape the North side of Eno Hall. Ricki also reported that the Senior Center would be forming a Relay for Life team to participate in the June 6 and 7th event. Also, the Volunteer Celebration will be held at the Senior enter in April.

Old Business:

Music for All Ages: Will be held May 4th at Henry James School at 2:00 p.m.

ADA Compliance: Peg suggested that the Commission take a more active/proactive role in ensuring compliance with the ADA and new renovations in town. A suggestion was made that a task force be formed to help do this. Peg will contact Jerry Toner to ask what role a former committee played in the past regarding this issue. Ed will provide a checklist to commission members detailing what

measures ensure compliance with ADA. Peg asked commission members to volunteer at the next meeting if they would like to take part in this.

New Business:

Picnic in the Park: Will be held last Sunday in September. The starting time will be moved ahead to 11:30 a.m. to accommodate the work schedules of residential staff members assisting attendees.

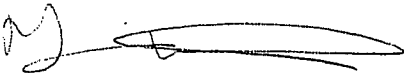
Fashion Show: See Souper Tuesday.

Correspondence: Peg reported that the McLean Home issued an invitation to a gathering of Social service providers to be held on May 23, 2003.

Other: Peg will invite Jerry Toner to the next meeting. In addition, Peg reported that the Simsbury Women's Club donated \$200 to the Souper Tuesday program.

Adjournment: The next meeting is on May 20th, 2003. Moira Wertheimer made a motion to adjourn and Lynn Veith seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:30p.m. .

Respectfully submitted,



Moira Wertheimer
Clerk

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